

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of |) | DOCKET NO. UT-011234 |
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| The Conservation of Numbering |) | ORDER RECLAIMING |
| Resources |) | NUMBERING RESOURCES |
| |) | FROM TELSTAR, INC. |

BACKGROUND

- 1 On July 20, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC or Commission) the authority to implement number conservation measures, including reclamation of numbering resources. When a service provider is assigned a telephone number prefix, federal rules allow the provider six months to activate the prefix; otherwise the Commission may order reclamation. In addition, the Commission may grant a single extension of the reservation, of six months, in cases where the service provider is able to demonstrate that the proposed use date was missed due to circumstances beyond its control. *In re Numbering Resource Optimization Implementation of Local Competition Provisions of Telecommunications Act of 1996, Order, CC Docket No. 99-200 and CC Docket No. 96-98, 2000 WL 991629, ¶ 52 (rel. July 20, 2000).*

- 2 During a review of prefix utilization in area code 360, the WUTC Staff identified several prefixes that did appear to be used to serve end-use customers. Staff contacted the service provider holding each of these prefixes to determine their status. Among these prefixes were two assigned to Telstar, Inc.: 360-208 (Mt. Vernon) and 360-229 (Whatcom County). Staff also noted that Telstar had not provided required utilization data to the North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA), had not responded to an invoice for its share of the cost of the education plan for area code 564, and did not file the required 2000 annual report with the Commission or pay its regulatory fee.

- 3 On August, 8, 2001, Staff notified Telsar that the two prefixes did not appear to be in use and it intended to recommend that the Commission direct NANPA to reclaim them. Telstar was provided with an opportunity to demonstrate, by September 12, 2001, that the prefixes should not be reclaimed. The postal service returned the letter on August 20, 2001, marked "Not Deliverable." Staff also called the telephone number listed by Telstar, Inc., in its registration with the Commission and found that the number has been reassigned to another customer.

- 4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on September 12, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the

public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- (1) The 360-208 (Mt. Vernon) and 360-229 (Whatcom County) prefixes assigned to Telstar, Inc., are not being used to serve end-use customers and should be reclaimed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 5 (1) The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to RCW 80.36.610, which gives the Commission authority to take actions necessary to implement the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

ORDER

- 6 (1) The Commission directs NANPA to reclaim the 360-208 (Mt. Vernon) and 360-229 (Whatcom County) prefixes assigned to Telstar, Inc.
- 7 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future actions as may be appropriate.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of September, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN,
Secretary